Celebrate the New Year with Great Performances – From Vienna: The New Year’s Celebration 2022 Hosted by Hugh Bonneville

The annual concert premieres Saturday, January 1 at 8 p.m. on PBS (check local listings) and streams the following day at pbs.org/gperf and the PBS Video app.

Synopsis:
Great Performances continues its tradition of ringing in the New Year with the Vienna Philharmonic at the world-famous Musikverein. Under the baton of Grammy-winning guest conductor Daniel Barenboim, the Vienna Philharmonic performs a selection of favorite Strauss family waltzes. The concert also features dances from the Vienna State Ballet performing on location at Schönbrunn Palace and its park grounds, as well as a performance by the world-famous Lipizzaner horses from The Spanish Riding School. Great Performances: From Vienna: The New Year’s Celebration 2022 premieres Saturday, January 1 at 8 p.m. ET on PBS (check local listings) and streams the following day at pbs.org/gperf and the PBS Video app.

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programs is available at pbs.org/arts and the PBS Video app. Curated conversation and digital shorts are also available on PBS social media platforms using #PBSForTheArts.

**Musical Selections:**

- Johann Strauss Jr. – “Overture to Die Fledermaus” (“Overture to ‘The Bat’”)
- Johann Strauss Jr. – “Champagne Polka”
- Carl Michael Ziehrer – “Night Revelers”
- Johann Strauss Jr. – “Persian March”
- Johann Strauss Jr. – “A Thousand and One Nights”
- Eduard Strauss – “Greetings to Prague”
- Joseph Hellmesberger Jr. – “Elves”*
- Josef Strauss – “Nymph-Polka”*
- Josef Strauss – “Harmony of the Spheres”

**Encores**

- Johann Strauss Jr. – “At the Hunt”
- Johann Strauss Jr. – “The Beautiful Blue Danube”
- Johann Strauss Sr. – “Radetzy March”

* First performance at a New Year’s Concert

**Locations:**

- Riesenrad (Giant Ferris Wheel)
- Leopold Museum
- Great Gallery at Schönbrunn Palace
- Lamberthofe Costume Shop
- The Lusthaus in the Prater Park
- Winter Riding Hall
- Spanish Riding School
- Imperial Apartments at the Sisi Museum
- “The 80s. Art of the Eighties” at Albertina Modern

**Notable Talent:**

- **Daniel Barenboim**, Grammy-winning guest conductor
- **Vienna State Ballet**, performing from Schönbrunn

**Noteworthy Facts:**
• This is conductor Daniel Barenboim’s third year conducting the New Year’s Concert, following concerts in 2009 and 2014.
• This is Hugh Bonneville’s fifth consecutive year acting as host for the New Year’s Concert.
• Hosted by Earl of Grantham “Downton Abbey” actor Hugh Bonneville, Great Performances: From Vienna: The New Year’s Celebration 2022 follows the “Downton Abbey” film airing Saturday, December 25 on PBS.
• The Vienna Philharmonic performs approximately 40 concerts in Vienna a year, among them the New Year’s Concert and the Summer Night Concert.
• This year marks the 125th anniversary of the giant Ferris Wheel in the Prater Park, a favorite site on Vienna’s skyline.

Short Listing:
Ring in the new year at the Musikverein with Vienna Philharmonic and host Hugh Bonneville.

Long Listing:
Ring in the new year in Austria at the Musikverein with the Vienna Philharmonic and host Hugh Bonneville in this annual concert of waltzes by Strauss and more under the baton of guest conductor Daniel Barenboim.

Series Overview:
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